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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR A PERMANENT RATE INCREASE (DOCKET NO. E-01345A-16-0036)

Summary

On June 1, 2016, Arizona Public Service Company ("APS" or "Company") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a permanent base rate increase. The application seeks a \$165.9 million net increase in base rates. Among other things, the application also seeks changes in some of its adjustor mechanisms; seeks to establish a new residential and small commercial rate design that moves away from current two-part volumetric rates to three-part demand-based rates; seeks to reduce on-peak time-of-use hours; and seeks to grandfather existing solar customers while modifying net metering arrangements for new solar customers. Pursuant to Commission Decision No. 75047 (April 30, 2015), issues related to APS's proposed Automated Meter Opt-Out Service Schedule will be addressed in the rate case proceeding.

The requested gross base rate increase is the sum of three parts: (1) a non-fuel increase of \$227.6 million; (2) the revenue-neutral transfer into base rates of \$267.6 million currently being recovered through adjustor mechanisms; and (3) a decrease in base fuel costs of (\$61.7 million). The net percentage impact of the Company's request on customer bills will be an increase of approximately 5.74% on average. The actual percentage rate increase for individual customers that would result from the application will vary depending upon the type and quantity of service provided.

THE COMMISSION'S UTILITIES DIVISION ("STAFF") IS IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING AND ANALYZING THE APPLICATION. NEITHER STAFF NOR ANY INTERVENOR HAS YET MADE ANY RECOMMENDATION REGARDING APS'S REQUEST. THE COMMISSION IS NOT BOUND BY THE PROPOSALS MADE BY APS, STAFF, OR ANY INTERVENORS. THE COMMISSION WILL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE RATEMAKING TREATMENT OF THE REVENUES AND EXPENSES RELATED TO APS'S APPLICATION BASED ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN THIS PROCEEDING. THE FINAL RATES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION MAY BE HIGHER, LOWER, OR DIFFERENT THAN THE RATES PROPOSED BY APS OR BY OTHER PARTIES.

If you have any questions concerning how the Application may affect your bill or other substantive questions about the Application, you may contact the Company at it's office at 400 N. 5th Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 85004, Attn: Manager State Regulation and Compliance, call (602) 250-2767, or email ratecase@aps.com.

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Application

Copies of the Application are available from APS at www.azenergyfuture.com by clicking on "Direct Testimony"; at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, during regular business hours; and on the Commission website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function.

Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning March 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices, Hearing Room #1, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Public comments will be taken on the first day of the hearing.

Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing **Docket No. E-01345A-16-0036** to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by submitting comments on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the "Submit a Public Comment for a Utility" function. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 602-542-4251 or 1-800-222-7000.

If you do not intervene in this proceeding, you will receive no further notice of the proceedings in this docket. However, all documents filed in this docket are available online (usually within 24 hours after docketing) at the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function. You may choose to subscribe to an RSS feed for this case using the e-Docket function.

About Intervention

The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested persons may intervene. An interested person may be granted intervention if the outcome of the case will directly and substantially impact the person, and the person's intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in the case. Intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to cross-examine other parties' witnesses. Intervention is not required if you want to appear at the hearing and provide public comment on the Application, or if you want to file written comments in the record of the case.

To request intervention, you must file an **original and <u>13</u> hard copies** of a written request to intervene with Docket Control, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, **no later than November 10, 2016**. You also **must** serve a copy of the request to intervene on each party of record on the same day that you file the request to intervene with the Commission. **Information about what intervention means, including an explanation of the rights and responsibilities of an intervenor, is available on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the "Intervention in Utility Cases" link.** The link also includes sample intervention requests.

If you choose to request intervention, your request must contain the following:

- 1. Your name, address, and telephone number, and the name, address, and telephone number of any person upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself;
- 2. A reference to Docket No. E-01345A-16-0036;
- 3. A short statement explaining:
 - a. Your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of APS, etc.),
 - b. How you will be directly and substantially affected by the outcome of the case, and
 - c. Why your intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in the case;
- 4. A statement certifying that you have served a copy of the request to intervene on APS or its attorney and all other parties of record in the case; and
- 5. If you are not represented by an attorney who is an active member of the Arizona State Bar, and you are not representing yourself as an individual, sufficient information and any appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31, 38, 39, and 42, as applicable.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R I4-3-105, except that <u>all motions</u> to intervene must be filed on or before **November 10, 2016**.

ADA/Equal Access Information

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator, Shaylin Bernal, E-mail SAbernal@azcc.gov, voice phone number 602-542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.